City of Mansfield Council Meeting Minutes

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PRESENT: GW Davis Jr, Blair Northen, Marty Smallwood, Helen Robertson, and Fred Purvis and Scott Colyn

OTHERS: Theresa Smallwood, Walter Tuggle, Elsie Smith, and Crystal Smallwood

Mayor GW Davis Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. During the moment of reflection, Mayor Davis asked if anyone had anything to reflect on during the moment of reflection. The Sims Family and the Kinard family was mentioned. After the moment of silence, Mayor Davis then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Davis called for the agenda adoption. Mayor Pro Tem, Blair Northen made motion to accept the agenda as presented, Councilman Fred Purvis seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Davis presented minutes for March 13,2023. Councilman Marty Smallwood made motion to accept the March 13, 2023, minutes as presented. Councilman Purvis seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business discussed as follows:

Mayor Davis asked Northen to give an update on the sewer plant as follows: Turnipseed is currently in the shop drawing review phase. They anticipate having the shop drawing stage complete by the end of April. Smith and Loveless is estimating 40-50 weeks for manufacturing once the shop drawings are completed. This would mean the plant equipment is expected to be on site between January 2024 and April 2024. The placement to be the most feasible is downhill of the existing structure. It will require approximately 200 feet of fencing to be moved but requires the minimal amount of grading.

Mayor Davis stated a truck was purchased for the approved amount and is in service.

New Business:

Mayor Davis presented the proposal from GWES that was received just before the council meeting. Mayor Davis didn't have a recommendation due to the timing of receiving the proposal. Northen asked to speak. He stated he had spoken to Kevin at GWES after speaking with a lady at the State level. There is an excel spreadsheet that can be utilized and at this time they are not entering homes to inspect the inside or re plumbing houses. However, the city is responsible for the service line after the meter to the house. Northen made motion to approve phase 1 and 2 of proposal not to exceed 13,032 until further discussion can be done. Purvis seconded the motion. No other discussion. All in favor.

Business license up for renewal: Aginicourt Controls and Automation, Miller Taxidermy and Overall Mechanical Services, LLC. Northen made motion to accept as presented. Purvis seconded motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis stated no response was received from the letter sent to the business owner that is encroaching on city property. 4 Surveyors were contacted and 1 submitted a bid for 1000.00 for pins marked. 1200.00 for pins marked and survey. It can be cheaper if other properties are included, however he could not come look at property until earlier this date. He will submit a bid on the other 2 properties in question. Preliminary lines are marked. Northen made a motion to proceed with the 1200.00 bid for the property known as the "old jail". Purvis seconded. Discussion included revoking business license, a certified letter from attorney to be sent and pricing for a fence. No further discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis asked the council to send requests to City Hall in reference to any projects for the 2023-2024 budget. Mayor Davis stated the bucket truck and pole truck needed some work and was looking at approximately 15,000 to fix both. Purvis and Smallwood asked for an estimate in writing. Ed Needham/ 5th Ave to be looked at. Ms Smallwood had already contacted the DOT in reference to the drop-off on 3rd Ave and Hwy 11. The budget planning will be ongoing through the end of May 2023.

Qualifying dates are set for August 21-25 8am -4pm. The Mayor, Post 1 held by Marty Smallwood and Post 2 held by Helen Robertson

Mayor Davis presented a new fee structure for garden meters, Fire Hydrant meter and Golf Cart. Northen made a motion to require a \$900 refundable deposit when checking out the fire hydrant at City Clerk discretion. Colyn seconded. Discussion included nonresidents, business owners and the cost of replacing the hydrant if damaged or lost. It was also discussed to have a city employee attach the hydrant. No further discussion. All in favor

Northen also made a motion to increase the golf cart permits to \$25 for 5 years. Colyn seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor

Garden meters were then discussed. It was discussed contacting Scott Cole, the attorney, to see if this needs to be added to the resolution we already have in place. It is recommended that the 1st garden meter is free with a signed agreement stating it will be returned at the end of the season. The meter must be in working order and no damage. Will forward to the attorney.

Mayor Davis stated we have received 2 requests for speed bumps: 251 White St and Loyd Rd. The council agrees these need to be done. Scottie Croy will secure pricing as he can do these himself. Signage, paint, and warning signs will need to be ordered as well. Will discuss later when more information is available.

Theresa Smallwood stated refundable deposit needed to be added to the agreement when signing for a fire hydrant meter and a clause for garden meters if the resident moves, it must be returned to city hall.

No further discussion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

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